

# HANKY- PANKY

*traditional handkerchief toys*





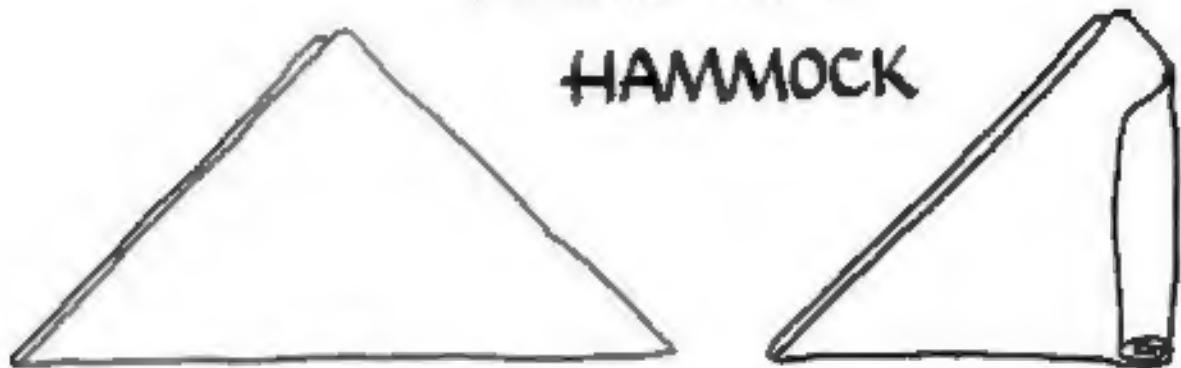
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Make a mouse out of a handkerchief? Are you kidding? Not when you know the art of handkerchief toys. Passed down from generation to generation, these are genuine 'folk toys' and a real treasure for long trips, rainy days, and waiting for the bus.

You will find a large handkerchief or bandana ideal, but any square of light cloth will do. Match corners carefully and do rolls tightly - the completed toys will be more convincing and play longer. A short string or rubberband will help hold some of the forms.

Elizabeth Burns

## TWINS IN A HAMMOCK

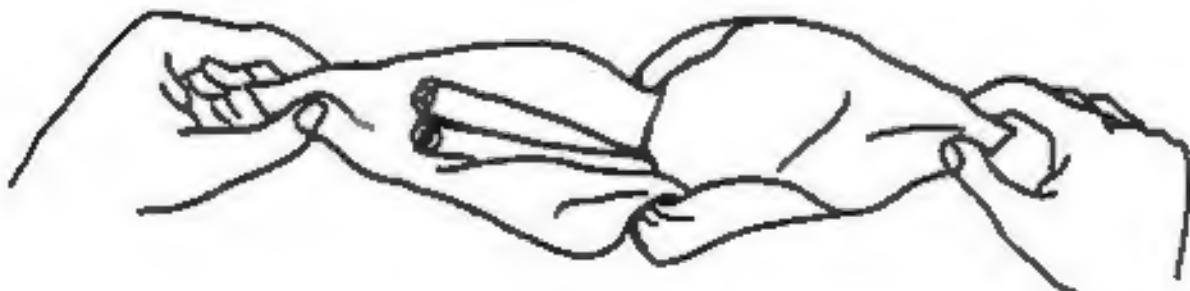


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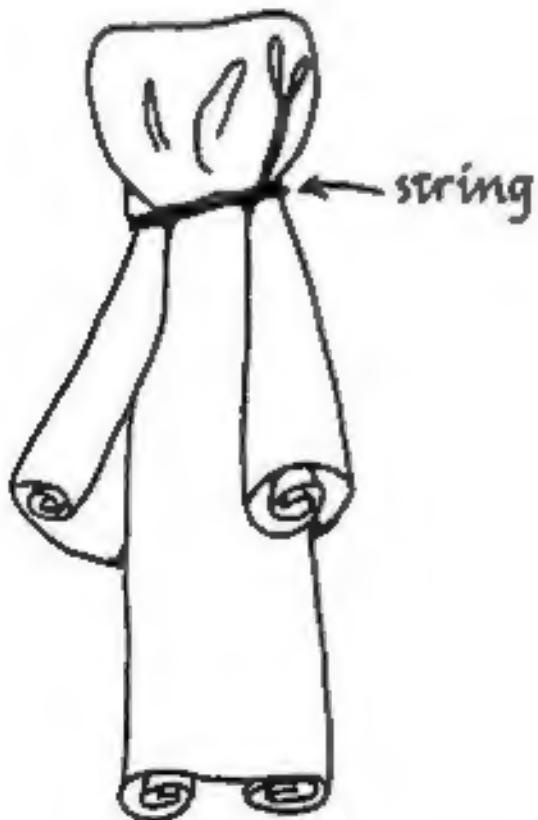
Hold roll ends firmly while pulling the two corners apart to form hammock.



You may need your mouth as  
a "third hand" to pull here.

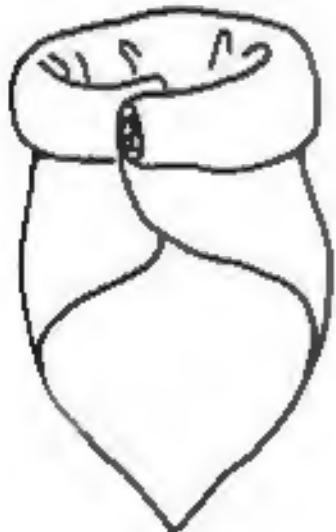
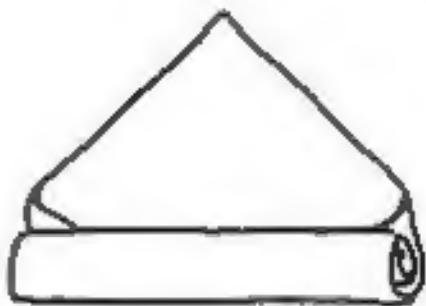
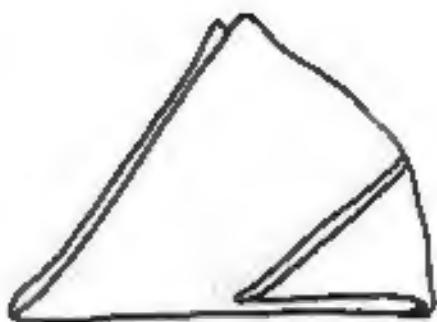
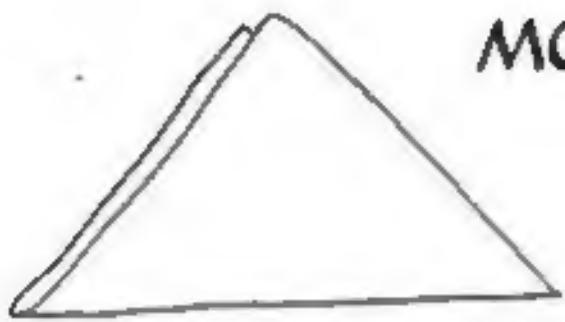


# DOLLY



Alternative:  
Bring cape up  
over head to  
form bonnet.

# MOUSE



Tuck flap tightly around overlapping ends of roll. Keep tucking in flap and unrolling from the other side until a loop comes free of the roll. Follow hanky hem to free corner end at arrow.

(continued)



Gently separate two ends out of the loop — one of these will be the tail, the other tied for the head:



Roll the corner under.  
Tie the points together.



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Hold mousie in your palm, grasping base of tail between two fingers to control motion.



Your caressing other hand covers this device —

Watch out folks!

Sometimes this mouse gets away!

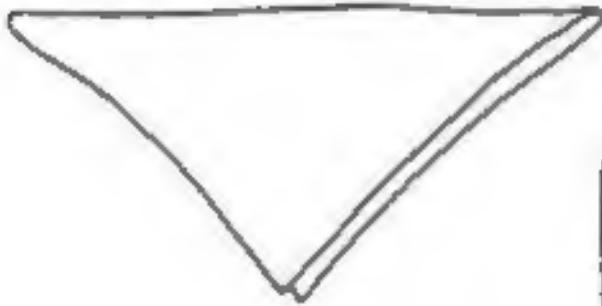
## OL' GRANNY



String two small buttons together  
(the original used shoebuttons)



Make a fist - place buttons around middle finger for eyes. Ink dots work too.



Fold kerchief and tie around Granny's head.  
Wiggle your thumb to make her talk.



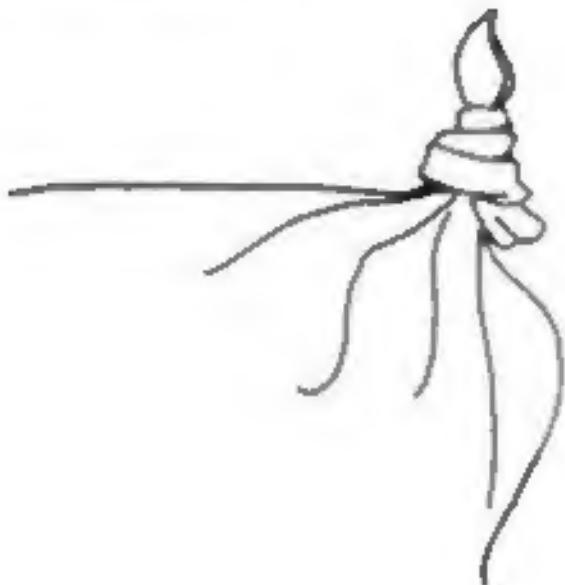
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(one you can  
really wear)

or

BOWL

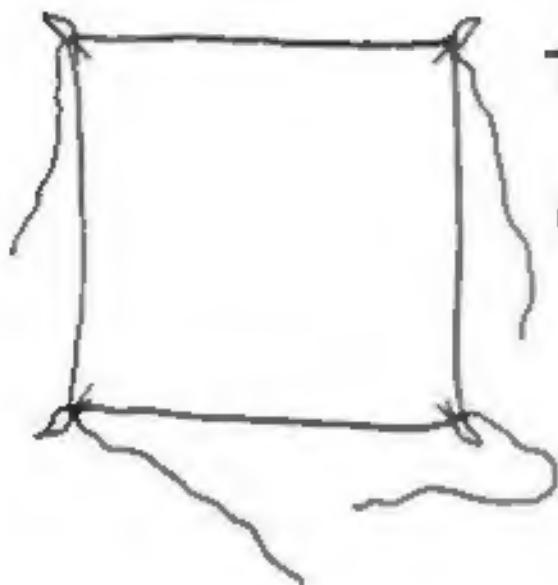
(carry "a peach  
each" this way)



Just tie a single  
knot in each  
corner.



# PARACHUTE



Tie strings to all  
four corners.

Gather strings  
together and  
attach weight.



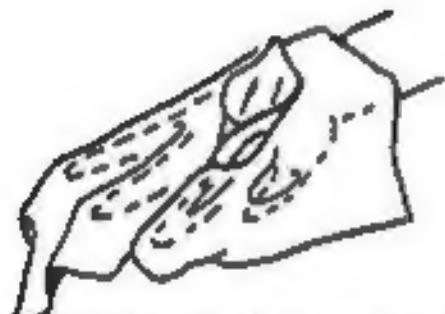
Roll up from chute end.  
Toss high in the air and  
watch it float down!

# RABBIT

Drape squarely  
over hand.

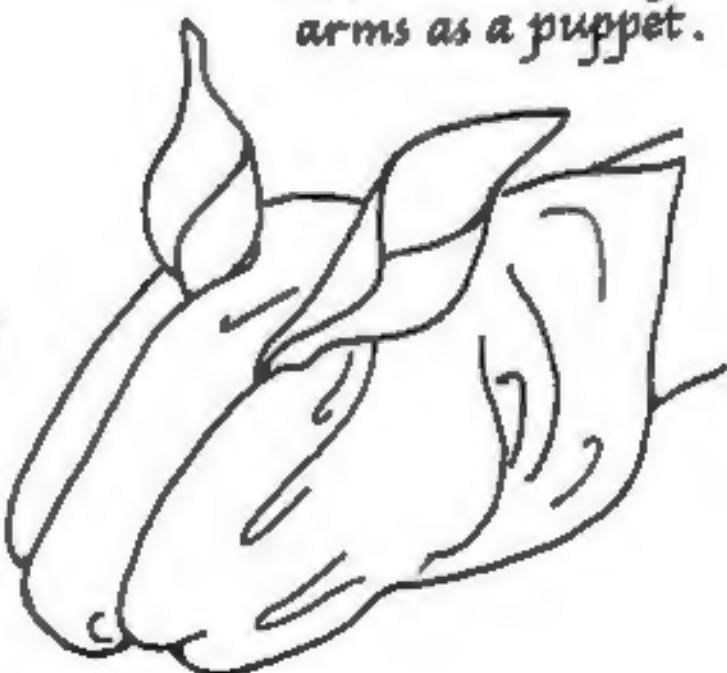


Form valleys on either  
side of middle finger.



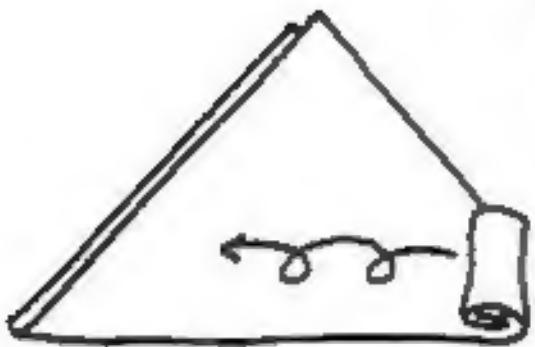
Wrapping index and ring  
fingers, tuck corners up  
between fingers for ears.

Middle finger forms  
wiggling nose; index and  
ring fingers make cheeks.



Nestle rabbit in your  
arms as a puppet.

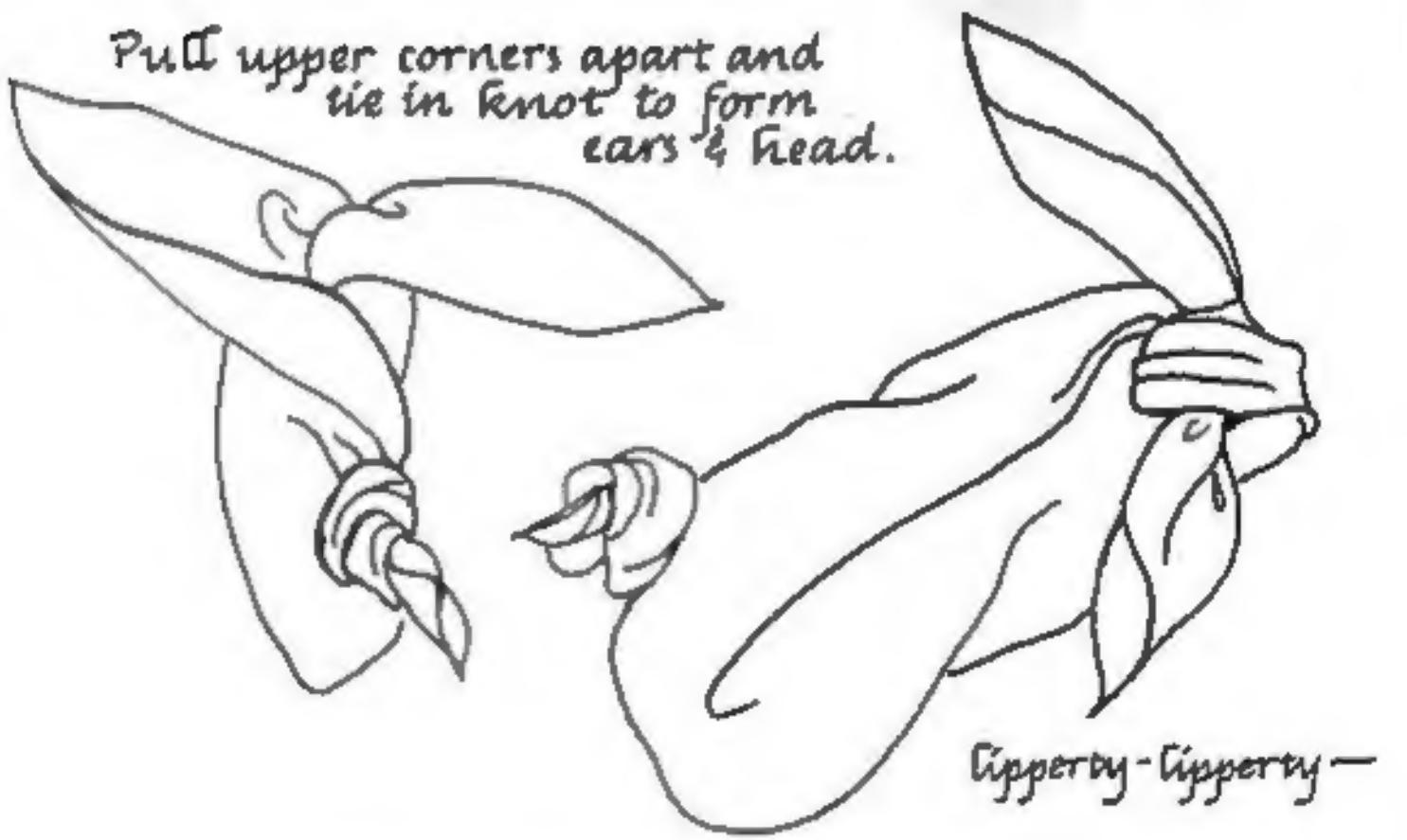
## 'NOTHER RABBIT



Fold free end back  
around roll and  
tie in knot to  
form tail.

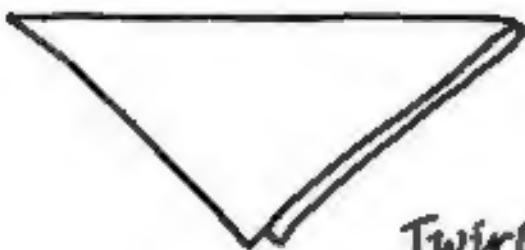


Pull upper corners apart and  
tie in knot to form  
ears & head.



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# BALLERINA



Twirl hankey  
until it is  
tightly twisted



Fold center  
section up  
to form  
"tutu"



Grasp torso in one hand  
and feet in the other -  
make her leap and dip,  
bend and twist



Grand Finale -  
release one foot in  
twirling high kick



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